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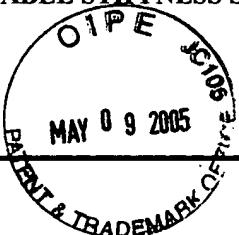
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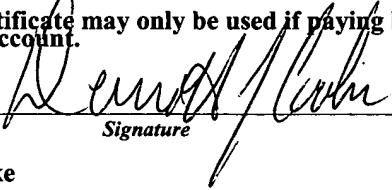
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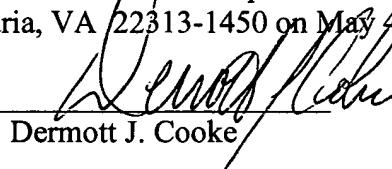
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1. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0090809 A1, to Cooper et al., dated April 28, 2005;
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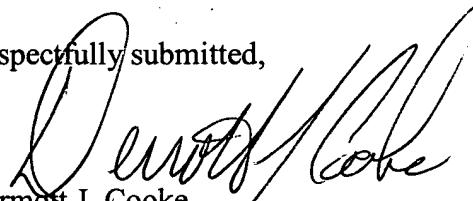

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3. United States Patent No. 5,808,665, issued to Green, dated September 15, 1998.

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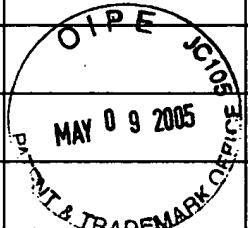
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